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THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC RECREATION COMMISSION

November 20, 2007

The regular meeting of the Public Recreation Commission was held on November 20, 2007 at 4:00pm at the College Hill Community Center, with the following members present: Ms. Driehaus and Messrs. Fultz, Smith and Moeddel, with Ms. Driehaus presiding. Staff in attendance: Mmes. Arszman, Lang, Barnes, Cox, Simmons, Richardson, Stanford, and James and Messrs. Merrifield, Bigham, Thomas, Koopman, Williams, Schroer, Carlisle, and Celsor.

RECOGNITION

Ron Odenbeck was unable to attend the meeting to recognize his retirement. Mr. Odenbeck will be at the December 18th meeting for recognition.

MINUTES

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2007 meeting as submitted.

Motion passed.

BID

Mr. Moeddel moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to accept the low bid from JSMS, Inc. in the amount of \$140,403.00 for HVAC upgrades at the Pleasant Ridge Recreation Center.

Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Cheryl Meadows to Steve LeConey

Ms. Meadows, Executive Director of the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission, wrote a letter to Steve LeConey congratulating him on being the recipient of a National Disability Awareness Award.

This item was received for filing.

Letter from Kim Gilday-Weber to Norman Merrifield

Dr. Merrifield received a letter from Kim Gilday-Weber, President of the Riverside Civic & Welfare Club, recognizing and thanking Mike Thomas for his help in securing tables and chairs for their annual community picnic.

This item was received for filing.

Article in the October 23, 2007 *Cincinnati Enquirer*

There was an article in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* regarding the Brazilian Embassy coming to the College Hill Center.

This item was received for filing.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Program Highlight – Central Region (Stella Barnes)

Ms. Barnes introduced some of the Central Region staff and advised that they will be giving short presentations on their youth and teen programs.

Rick Schroer communicated they have around 60 kids a day in the College Hill Center. College Hill is located next door to Aiken High School and they do a lot of partnering with the school. Three teen participants were present and told about their experiences at the Center. Activities include doing homework, playing basketball, doing fund raisers and going on trips. Participants receive a snack which they stated was always good. They said they could come to the Center to feel safe and have a good time. They thanked Commission for bringing the Center to them and thanked staff for being here for them.

Mr. Schroer advised that they are also partnering with Hillcrest School. One day a week participants come to the Center and meet with a social worker. Children's Hospital has a partnership with the Center too.

Yvette Stanford is a new Community Center Director at College Hill. She said she is so proud of the participants that spoke. Ms. Stanford conducts line dancing and double dutch at the Center and wants to start a "My Space" page for College Hill.

Sandy Richardson is the Service Area Coordinator at Bond Hill Community Center. She introduced participants from the center who would like to perform for the Commission. The participants performed "Hip Hop" dance routines. This group also performed at the CRC 80th Birthday Party at Sawyer Point.

Ann James is from the Hirsch Community Center. Ms. James has been a CRC employee for 22 years. She works with seniors, weight management training, arts and crafts, public speaking, and the theater group. Ms. James introduced participants from the Hirsch Community Center. The participants talked about their participation in the plays at the Center. They love being in Ms. James' classes and being in plays. They said that acting helps them to be more out-going and able to speak in front of people. Mr. Richard Parker, who is the father of three Hirsch Center participants, stated that parents and kids both benefit from Ms. James' programs.

Commission thanked everyone for their participation and entertainment and thanked staff for doing such a good job.

Information and Briefing Items

- Dr. Merrifield distributed fliers to Commissioners on the Oglebay Foundation presentation by William Koegler to take place on December 13th. The purpose of the presentation is to educate and inspire. Park Board Members will be joining us in hosting this program. This is one of the finest programs of its kind in the country. There will also be a morning session of the program on the 13th geared to our professionals. CRC will be retaining Mr. Koegler to work with staff on our naming policy.
- Dr. Merrifield announced that Bunny Arszman has been awarded the 2007 Philo T. Farnsworth Award for the Flag Football video. The Commission congratulated Ms. Arszman and commended her on the good work she does. Ms. Driehaus stated that our Flag Football team participated during the half-time event at a couple of our Bengal games. She stated that Paul Brondhaver does an outstanding job with this program.
- Dr. Merrifield announced that Mary Cox is the CRC recipient of the Company of the Year Award from Safe Kids Coalition. Ms. Cox stated that we have been involved with the coalition for a number of years. Commission congratulated Ms. Cox and thanked her for her continued involvement.

Youth Commission Member Report

Ms. Cox provided copies of the Youth and Family Services Report for November 2007 to Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Sawyer Point Family of Events Carbonated Soft Drinks Official Sponsor

The Waterfront Selection Committee recommends the Cadbury Schweppes Bottling Group (CSBG) be awarded the contract for the Sawyer Point Family of Events Carbonated Soft Drinks Official Sponsor. They were the only bid for this contract. Mr. Bigham advised that they do an excellent job. Mr. Moeddel asked if there were any changes in the contract. Mr. Bigham replied that the soft drink prices increased \$2.00 per case due to cost increase.

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, that the contract for the Sawyer Point Family of Events Carbonated Soft Drinks Official Sponsor be awarded to the Cadbury Schweppes Bottling Group.

Motion passed.

New Policy, HR-25, Family Members and Other Non-Employee Visits at the Workplace

Ms. Simmons advised that there was a problem with non-employee visits at the workplace. We did not have a policy regarding this and staff felt we should have one. This policy will be forwarded to staff and will be posted on Cricket.

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve Policy HR-25, Family Members and Other Non-Employee Visits at the Workplace.

Motion passed.

Golf Advisory Council Nominating Committee Recommendation

The Golf Advisory Nominating Committee recommends that the Commission approve the appointment of Lisa Frick to the Golf Advisory Council.

Mr. Moeddel moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to approve the Golf Advisory Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Lisa Frick to the Golf Advisory Council.

Motion passed.

Rob Williams advised that there are still two openings on the Golf Advisory Council. The Committee is in the process of revising their by-laws and will be filling the two openings in January of 2008. All applicants will be notified of the Golf Advisory Council's intent.

Situation at Woodford School

This agenda item was tabled until the December Commission Meeting.

Amendment to Council on Aging Agreement

Mr. Moeddel moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to approve the amendment to the service agreement with Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio for fiscal year 2008. There are no changes to the agreement

Motion passed.

Field Trips

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Rev. Smith, to approve the Field Trip Requests as submitted.

Motion passed.

2008 Fees and Charges

All fees were evaluated with consideration of the impact of City Council's 2008 approved all funds budget and the general inflation factor. Staff is recommending fees remain unchanged for 2008 except as indicated. This does not include fees for the new Otto Armleder Memorial Regional Aquatic Facility at Dunham. These fees will be submitted for approval at the December 18th meeting.

Mr. Fultz moved, seconded by Mr. Moeddel, to approve the 2008 Fees and Charges as submitted.

Motion passed.

Appointment of Todd Ward to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission Foundation

Rev. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to approve the appointment of Todd Ward as a Trustee to the Cincinnati Recreation Commission Foundation.

Motion passed.

Unity Challenge Update

This agenda item was tabled until the January 2008 meeting.

Property Donation Proposal

Rev. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Fultz, to accept the donation of property located at 651 and 653 Halsey Avenue in Sedamsville by CWR Investments LLC. These lots are within a short walking distance of Boldface Park and are contiguous to condemned property directly next to the Park.

Motion passed.

OTHER NOTES

- Stella Barnes advised that there will be a free Thanksgiving dinner at the Hirsch Center from noon to 3:00pm. This is the 14th annual dinner.
- Cyd Schuler is the new Service Area Coordinator at the College Hill Community Center.
- Ms. Driehaus announced that she will have a Holiday Open House on December 8th. More information will be forthcoming.
- Doug Carlisle recommended that attendees stop by the Center's Concession Stand after the meeting.
- Percy Marshall addressed the Commission. Mr. Marshall stated that he is 95 years old and has been active in golf since 1927.

COMMISSION MEETING

The next meeting of the Public Recreation Commission will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at 4:00pm at the Main Office.

Meeting Adjourned.

Denise M. Driehaus, President

Norman C. Merrifield, Ed. D., Director

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